(b) The seventh five year plan envisage the goal of birth rate of 29, 1 for the year 1990.

(c) The Infant Mortality Rate at the national level as available from Sample Registration System of Registrar Genera], India for the latest 'available year 1985 is. 95 per thousand live births (Provisional).

(d) The main steps in this behalf are: increasing demand for contraception through improved communication ap proaches expending and improving the quality ofr out-re'ach services; promoting greater community participation through th© invtadvemeat of voluntary organisa tion; intensifying population education; en hancing child survival rates and improving programme management; raising the 'status of women-, establishing inter-sectoral link ages for promoting faimily planning.

(e) Certain schemes like issue of long-erm maturity bonds and issue of honou-ed citizen cards entitling its holders to package of iacentives/benefis, fo. the accepts of samll family norm, which have jcen under consideration of this Ministry, fould not be finalized due to financial con-5traints and no-fmaiisation of incentive package respectively.

**Use of monthly season ticket in railways**

332 SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be leased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons ipiding monthly season tickets are being fnarged extra fare as fine by the railway Magistrates on the Northern Railway for vavelliflg in reserved coaches after 6 YM.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the >ersons holding monthly season tickets on >her zonal railways are not charged such : xtra fare; and '

(c) if so, what are the reasons there-• for?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Maternal mortality rate. in the country**

333., SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of HEALTH A. ND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what is' the present maternal mor tality rate in the country and also State wise;

(b) •what is the rate of progress made in lowering it during the last three yean; and

at further steps have been token iii this, regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE* MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) A precise estimate of maternal mortality rate in the country is not available. However, according to a sample survey of causes of - death (rural) by Registrar General of India, the maternal deaths as percenta ges of all female deaths are 2. 4, 2. 7 and 2. 2 in 1982, 1983 and 1984 respec tively. In the urban areas, the estimated percentages are 2. 8, -2. 2 and 2. 2 in 1981, 1982 and 1983 respectively. State wise estimates are not available.

(c) The steps taken by the Government - to reduce maternal mortality include ex- ' pansion of existing health infrastructure training of health manpower, provision of anti-natal, intra-natal and post-natal care, adoption of risk approach, health educa-